

The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training will hold additional claims filing sessions for Disaster Unemployment Assistance in Providence, West Warwick and Westerly.

Sessions will be held at:

- Providence netWORKri office, One Reservoir Ave., Providence, Tuesday - Thursday, April 27 – 29 and Tuesday – Thursday, May 4 – 6. (Hours for both sessions will be 4 – 7 p.m.)
- West Warwick netWORKri office, 1330 Main St., Tuesday – Thursday, April 27 – April 29 and Tuesday – Thursday, May 4 – 6. (Hours for both sessions will be 4 to 7 p.m.)
- Westerly FEMA Disaster Recovery Center, 34 Pond St., Tuesday – Thursday, April 26 -30. (Hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Disaster Unemployment Assistance is a federally funded program for those who have become unemployed due to the severe storms and flooding that began March 12 and who would otherwise not be eligible for unemployment insurance.

Eligible claimants may include:

- Those injured in the disaster and unable to work.
- Those whose workplaces were damaged, destroyed or made inaccessible due to the disaster.
- Those for whom transportation to work is unavailable.
- Those whose transportation route is inaccessible due to the disaster and for whom other means of transportation are unavailable.
- Those, such as self-employed workers who derive most of their income from areas affected by the disaster and have experienced a decline in business as a result of the disaster.

Those attending the special claims-filing sessions must bring the following information with them:

- Social Security number.
- Driver's license or Rhode Island ID.
- Mailing address and zip code.
- Income tax for 2009 with profit and loss statement.
- Business license.
- Telephone number where the worker can be reached for additional information.
- Alien registration card, if applicable.
- Names and addresses of any other employers (in addition to self-employment) during the past 18 months.

Rhode Island residents have through May 6 to apply for Disaster Unemployment Assistance.

Anyone in need of flood disaster assistance in addition to unemployment insurance benefits should register with FEMA at www.fema.gov or 1-800-621-3362 (TTY) 1-800-462-7585).

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders and to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

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